

THE CARIBBEAN BASIN SECURITY INITIATIVE



A Shared Regional Security Partnership



regional security cooperation that President Barack Obama made at the Fifth Summit of the Americas, held in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, in April 2009.

Enhancing Citizen Safety

CBSI complements other citizen safety initiatives between the United States and other partners in the hemisphere. CBSI will increase citizen safety throughout the Caribbean by working together to:

- Substantially reduce illicit trafficking,
- Increase public safety and security, and
- Promote social justice.

Regional Cooperation

The United States is working with the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), member states, and the Dominican Republic, and other regional security organizations to strengthen national and regional capacity to effectively address the challenges and priorities of member states. We are also working to improve coordination among other international donors to enhance the effectiveness of our collective efforts.

Participating nations worked together for more than a year to develop CBSI and adopted a Declaration of Principles, Plan of Action, and Framework for Security Cooperation at the inaugural Caribbean-U.S. Security Cooperation Dialogue held in Washington, D.C. in May 2010.

This dialogue continues through technical working groups designed to coordinate local, national, and regional security and crime prevention activities and policies. These working groups are ensuring effective and efficient implementation of programs, identifying future program and policy needs, and will inform policymakers at the 2nd annual Caribbean-U.S. Security Cooperation Dialogue in late 2011.

United States Support Under CBSI

The United States provided more than \$45 million to support CBSI in its first year. The Obama Administration requested \$73 million in FY 2012 to continue support for CBSI. This funding will complement non-monetary policy support the United States has committed to this multi-year partnership.

U.S. funding and programs complement those of our Caribbean partners. These programs were developed in response to those concerns and priorities discussed during our initial meetings, build on existing partnerships and prepare for future cooperation, and meet objectives described in the CBSI Joint Plan of Action.

Through CBSI, the United States has provided:

- **\$14.5 million to strengthen Caribbean partners' ability to control their maritime borders.** This support builds on the "Secure Seas" program managed by U.S. Southern Command. Caribbean partners are being provided interdiction boats, command and control communications equipment, related equipment, and training.
- **\$10.6 million for law enforcement capacity building.** The United States is building law enforcement capacity through regional data sharing, police professionalization, border security, and other justice sector reform efforts.
- **\$20 million in crime prevention programs that focus on providing social and economic opportunities to at-risk youth.** These programs are expanding educational, social, and workforce development opportunities for at-risk youth and their communities as an alternative to crime and other harmful behavior.

CBSI Complements Other U.S. Assistance

The U.S. commitment to the Caribbean and to the CBSI partnership extends beyond the CBSI funding described above. The United States is also investing heavily in HIV/AIDS prevention, military education and training, and advancing economic development and trade.

The United States looks forward to continued cooperation with its Caribbean partners to strengthen the CBSI partnership.

More information is available at: www.state.gov/p/wha/rt/cbsi